

Lib. H. D. ton of Sommersett County, touching his suspension & being debarr'd the practice of an Attorney in th^t County Court, by vertue of an Order from his Ex^{ncy} bearing date the 25th of Octob^r last past, as being a great promoter & instigator of a late pretended Marriage betwixt George Layfield Esq^r, and one M^{rs} Priscilla White of that County;

This Board having taken into consideration the Petitioners humble Submission in th^t behalfe; as also the dutifull Peticōn of the Worshipfull the Iustices of the s^d County Court (here produced and read) in favour of the said Worthington, are pleased (upon this joyfull and happy news of a peace) to Order thereon as it is hereby Ordered that the said M^r Sam^{ll} Worthington be restored to his practice of an Attorney and Clerk of Indictments in Som^rsett County afores^d in as full and ample manner as formerly; and that the said Order of Suspension be set a side; whereof as well the Iustices of the said County Court, as all other persons concern'd are to take due notice and to conform themselves accordingly.

ffeb^{ry} 22nd 1697/8.

The Council again sate and were present as yesterday.
Produced and read the following report Viz^t

ffeb^{ry} 22nd 1697.

May it please yo^r Ex^{ncy}

Iv'e rec^d and consider'd the Comission to swear the Delegates and the writt of Prorogation; as to the former I am of opinion th^t it is well enough; as to the latter it seemeth to me th^t the Causes and reasons set forth in the s^d Writt Viz^t The Sharpness of the weather & the writts to the Eastern Shore supposed not to be come to the Sherriffs hands and th^t a Sufficient number will not meet; need not be inserted in the said Writt; but instead of all this, the words for certain causes and considerations us thereunto especially moving, and which is most congruous and agreeing wth the nature of a writt, which is always short and concise in setting forth its' matter, and the former will appear more like a Proclamation than a Writt, the latter I find to be more Presidential, all which is humbly submitted to yo^r Ex^{cnyses} consideration by

Your Ex^{ncyes} humble Servant
R. Goulesborough.

The said report is approved of and Ordered to be pursued accordingly. M^r Will^m Bladens Commission for being Clerk of the House of Delegates was produced, Read & approved off, and signed by his Ex^{ncy} and Ordered to pass the Broad Scale of the Province.